

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 17 has been canceled. Thus, Claims 1, 6-11, 15 and 16 are now pending in the present application. Support for the amendment to claim 1 may be found in the specification at paragraph [0025] which states that "adamantyl groups are particularly desirable", and the general formula (II-a) shown at paragraph [0029], in which the oxygen atom is bonded at the 1-position of an adamantyl group. Support for new claims 16 and 17 may be found in canceled claims 2 and 3, respectively. Thus, no new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following comments is respectfully requested.

Claim objection

The Examiner objected to claim 17 as being improper or improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claim 17 has been canceled, thereby obviating this objection.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 1, 1-11 and 15-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite since in claim 17, component A is a mixture of a polymer and a copolymer, however in claim 1 upon which claim 17 depends through claim 16, identifies resin component (A) as "...is a polymer..." The Examiner contends that because the addition of another component beyond the polymer of claim 1 to the resin component (A) in claim 17, the meaning of resin component (A) as "...is a polymer..." in claim 1 is confusing. Claim 17 has been canceled, thus rendering the rejection moot. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph are respectfully requested.

Allowable subject matter

At page 7, paragraph 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that claims 1, 6-11 and 15-17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and if all claims were amended to recite that X is an adamantyl group and the oxygen atom in the general formula (II) is bonded at the 1-position of the adamantyl group. Claim 1 as amended recites the language noted to be allowable. Since claim 1 is allowable, then claims 6-11 and 15-17, which depend on claim 1, should also be allowable.

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In view of the claim amendments and comments presented above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

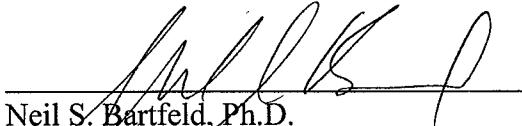
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and comments, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. If any minor issues remain which could be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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